

Parks Committee Minutes

Village of Shorewood Hills

Monday, November 18, 2019
Village Hall – 810 Shorewood Boulevard

1. Meeting called to order at 5:37.
 - A. **Roll call.** Members present: Mark Lederer, Dave Boutwell, Roma Lenehan, Nancy Heiden and Kathy Brock. Others present: Village Forester Corey George and Garden Club Rep. Mary Janet Wellensiek.
 - B. **Compliance with Open-Meeting Law.** The meeting was properly posted.
 - C. **Approval of Minutes.** Motion made by Roma Lenehan and seconded by Nancy Heiden to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2019. The motion was carried 5-0.

2. **Community Survey** – The Committee discussed the resident satisfaction survey proposed by the Services Committee and its request that every committee submit a question to be included in the survey. Members found it difficult to devise a single question and asked whether multiple questions might be submitted – at a minimum two (1 for Parks and 1 for Forestry). Questions were raised about the design/format of the survey of which nothing was known at the time of the meeting. The members expressed the difficulties of framing the question(s) without further information and guidance. Mark stated he would follow up with the Village to find out the status of the survey.

Georgene Stratman joined the meeting at 6:10 pm.

3. **Four Corners Path** – Corey reported that the construction of the approximately 6’ path would begin shortly. The path leading from Sunset to the pavilion would be constructed in a similar manner to the remediated area at the entrance to the park from Edgehill Drive.

4. **Park Goals** – Corey agreed to review previous minutes and forward to Roma the tentative goals that had been previously identified. Roma agreed to review her notes and the minutes provided by Corey to bring back to the Committee her suggestion(s) as to how we might move forward with arriving at a definitive list.

The Committee discussed the need to begin planning of the renovation of McKenna Park in conjunction with the future replacement of the Lake Mendota Bridge. Members inquired as to the degree the design of the bridge would be regulated as a historic feature. Mark volunteered to make inquiries with the Village as to the timing and process for the design of the bridge.

5. **Memorial Requests** – Corey reported on an inquiry he received about a new memorial bench in Post Farm Park on the slope facing the tennis courts. Concern was expressed

regarding placing a bench on the slope and the need to minimize disturbance to the area. The possibility of multiple benches was raised.

A memorial tree has been planted in Four Corners Park for a cost of about \$120, but no plaque has been placed as yet. The members discussed the cost of various plaques ranging from \$750 for etched metal along with cheaper alternatives. The members discussed a range of cheaper alternatives for plaques as well as whether the Village should move away from installing plaques in the future. The Committee also discussed whether a map with the names of the memorial trees/locations should be created and posted to the Village website.

- 6. Future Agenda Items** – Potential future agenda items included Park Goals and preparations for February 19th Bird City commemoration.

Meeting Adjourned at 7 p.m.